



MEMORANDUM

TO: CPC Committee of the Whole

FROM: Brian Schaffer, Principal City Planner

SUBJECT: Linden Hills Small Area Plan Update

DATE: November 7, 2013

At their October 17, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting the CPC provided comments on the draft Linden Hills Small Area Plan. The comments focused on concerns that the recommendation of a maximum height of 3-stories did not meet with the CPC's interpretations of the policies of The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth. One of the key concerns was how the plan could fulfill the policies of the comprehensive plan regarding growing the housing supply of the City.

The 45-day comment period for the plan concluded on October 21, 2013. There were 25 comments received from the public on the plan. Public comments were focused on specific discrepancies in the future land use guidance, concerns about the recommendations for the former streetcar right of way and general praise on the plan's content and to all who contributed to the plan.

In the meeting on November 14, 2013 CPED will review and discuss planned changes to the small area plan with the CPC.

Next Steps

- The LHSAP steering committee will make a formal recommendation on the final draft of the plan to the LHiNC Board at its November 12th meeting. The LHiNC Board will take action on the LHSAP at this meeting.
- The City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on December 2nd at 4:30 pm in room 317 of City Hall on the LHSAP. They will make a formal recommendation on the LHSAP to the City Council. CPED will prepare a staff report with an official CPED recommendation on the plan for the City Planning Commission. The staff report and official CPED recommendation will be published on November 26th. The staff report will include all the public comments received on the plan and the actions of the LHiNC Board.
- The Zoning & Planning Committee of the City Council will discuss the CPC recommendation and all the materials and comments from the December 2nd CPC meeting at their public meeting on December 9th and will forward a recommendation for action by the full City Council on December 13th.